

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S.P. 5,966,699 to Zandi in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0205019 to Painter et al. and U.S. Publication No. 2002/0120557 to Chien. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

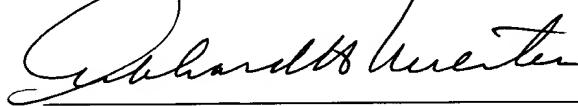
The current application has a filing date of February 2, 2001. This antedates the April 21, 2004 filing date of Painter et al. as well as the April 8, 2003 filing date of Application No. 10/409,647 of which Painter is a continuation-in-part application. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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